



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**  
**OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**  
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**INSPECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISION**

**Rodent Control Regulations**  
**(Somerville Code of Ordinances 11-38)**

The Rodent Control Regulation requirements outlined below are required by the City of Somerville Inspectional Services Division.

An extermination certificate obtained from a licensed Massachusetts extermination company is required prior to the issuance of :

- (1) a demolition project; or
- (2) a building permit where a residential or commercial construction or renovation project requires ground excavation to a six-foot or greater depth.

In addition to the extermination certificate, the contractor is required to maintain rodent control measures through a licensed Massachusetts extermination company until substantial completion of the project.

Rodent control measures include but are not limited to providing a separate rodent proof container for organic waste (i.e. food, food wrappers/containers) that is removed from the site at the end of the day and disposed of properly. Additionally all construction and demolition debris must be contained in a rodent proof container as specified in the City of Somerville regulations.

Failure to comply with these regulations shall be deemed to be a violation of Somerville Code of Ordinances Section 11-38.

These regulations may be waived by the Superintendent of Inspectional Services for emergency situations or as otherwise determined necessary in the public interest.



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